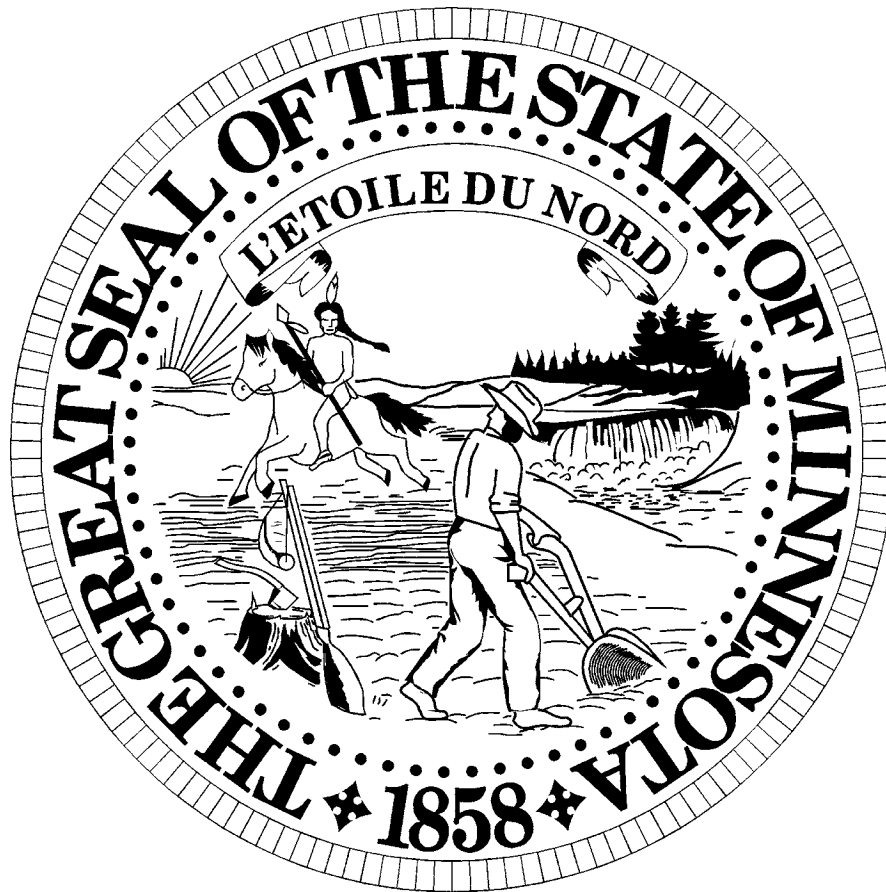


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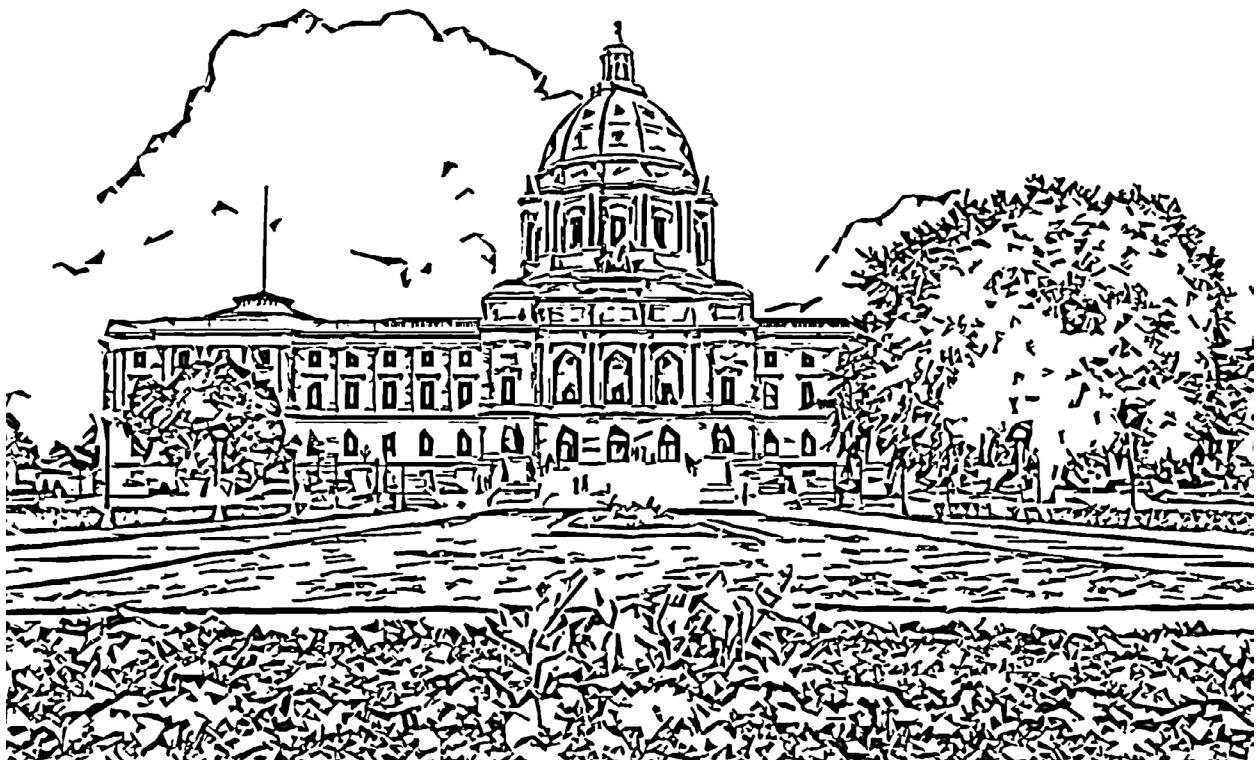
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An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

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KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."
Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. Strikeout indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, Landscape Architecture, Geoscience, and Interior Design

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Architect and Landscape Architect Licensure Requirements and Examination Requirements

The rules proposed and published at State Register, Volume 47, Number 45, pages 1059-1082, May 08, 2023 (47 SR 1059), are adopted with the following modifications:

1800.0200 CLASSES OF LICENSEES.

The classes of licensees consist of:

- A. individuals who are licensed under Minnesota Statutes, section 326.10, subdivision 1, clause (2); and

1800.0600 CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION.

Certification of an applicant's technical qualifications by NCARB, NCEES, CLARB, or CIDQ may be accepted by the board as establishing such qualifications, and the applicant, in such instances, is not required to pass further examination.

1800.1000 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.

Subp. 6. Experience requirement.

A. An applicant for licensure must present evidence of completion of the experience requirement. Qualifying credits for experience must be granted as described in subitems (1) and (2).

- (2) Experience must comply with either:

- (a) the Architectural Experience Program Guidelines (AXP) published by (NCARB), May 2020, which is incorporated by reference, is available on the NCARB website, and is subject to frequent change; or

1800.1200 EXAMINATION.

Subpart 1. Architect Registration Examination.

B. An applicant is required to pass all sections of the ARE ~~examination~~ in order to qualify for licensure. The applicant shall attain the uniform passing grade established by the board through a psychometrically acceptable standard-setting procedure.

Adopted Rules

1800.1500 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.

Subp. 4. **Experience requirement.** An applicant for licensure as a landscape architect shall present evidence of completion of the experience requirement in items A to D.

B. An applicant must acquire qualifying experience after graduation from one of the education ~~curriculum~~ curricula listed in subpart 3. The applicant must acquire qualifying experience under the direct supervision of a licensed landscape architect.

1800.2100 EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE.

Subp. 2. **Education and experience requirement.**

A. To qualify for certification as a certified interior designer, an applicant must present evidence that the applicant has completed the education and experience requirements in this subpart.

(2) Experience must be under the direct supervision of a certified interior designer, NCIDQ certificate holder, or licensed architect. Experience gained prior to June 1, 2013, may be under the direct supervision of an interior designer.

(a) If the applicant meets the educational requirements of item A, subitem (1), ~~units~~ unit (a), (d), or (e), the experience required is completion of the Interior Design Experience Program (IDEP), as provided by CIDQ or its successor, or a minimum of two years of qualifying interior design experience.

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board Notice of Public Hearing by the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board on the Issuance of Revenue Obligations Under Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41A, as Amended, and Sections 469.152 through 469.1655, as Amended, for the Benefit of the HealthPartners Obligated Group

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Agricultural and Economic Development Board (the “Board”), or its designated representative, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at or after 3:00 p.m., at 180 Fifth Street East, 12th Floor, Suite 12302, Duluth Room, Saint Paul, Minnesota, on a proposal that the Board approve and authorize the issuance by the Board of one or more series of taxable or tax-exempt revenue obligations (the “Obligations”), pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 41A, as amended, and Sections 469.152 through 469.1655, as amended (the “Act”), for the benefit of an obligated group currently consisting of HealthPartners, Inc.; Group Health Plan, Inc.; HealthPartners Administrators, Inc.; HealthPartners Insurance Company; Regions Hospital; Park Nicollet Health Services; Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital; Park Nicollet Clinic; Park Nicollet Health Care Products; and PNMC Holdings (the “Current Obligor”); and, at the time of issuance of the Obligations, is expected to also include HealthPartners RC, doing business as Olivia Hospital & Clinic; Hutchinson Health; Lakeview Health; Lakeview Memorial Hospital Association, Inc.; Stillwater Medical Group; Amery Regional Medical Center, Inc.; Hudson Hospital, Inc.; and Westfields Hospital, Inc. (the “Additional Obligor,” and collectively with the Current Obligor, the “Obligated

Group Members”). The proceeds of the Obligations will be used to (i) finance the acquisition, construction, replacement, improvement, and equipping of the facilities described herein (collectively, the “Projects”) which are owned by the Obligated Group Members described below; (ii) finance capitalized interest during the construction of the Projects, if necessary; (iii) pay required reserves, if necessary; and (iv) pay costs of issuance of the Obligations.

A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations in the estimated principal amount not to exceed \$400,000,000 will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a replacement of Lakeview Hospital with a new facility, located at 12239 62nd Street North, Stillwater, Minnesota, which is owned by Lakeview Memorial Hospital Association, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation.

A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations in the estimated principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a replacement of HealthPartners Como Clinic, located at 2501 Como Avenue, Saint Paul, Minnesota, which is owned by Group Health Plan, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation.

A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations in the estimated principal amount not to exceed \$55,000,000 will be used to finance the acquisition, construction, and equipping of HealthPartners Specialty Center Woodbury, located at 233 Radio Drive, Woodbury, Minnesota, which is owned by Group Health Plan, Inc., a Minnesota nonprofit corporation.

A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations in the estimated principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 will be used to finance all or a portion of certain costs related to master facility projects including but not limited to the acquisition, construction, and equipping of improvements to Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, located at 5050 Excelsior Boulevard, 6500 Excelsior Boulevard, 6600 Excelsior Boulevard, 3931 Louisiana Avenue South, and 3525 Monterey Drive, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, which sites are owned by Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation.

A portion of the proceeds of the Obligations in the estimated principal amount not to exceed \$100,000,000 will be used to finance all or a portion of certain costs related to master facility projects including but not limited to the acquisition, construction, and equipping of improvements to Park Nicollet Clinic, located at 3800 Park Nicollet Boulevard, 3850 Park Nicollet Boulevard, 3875 Park Nicollet Boulevard, 3900 Park Nicollet Boulevard, and 4951 Excelsior Boulevard, St. Louis Park, Minnesota, which sites are owned by PNMC Holdings, a Minnesota nonprofit corporation.

Following the public hearing, the Board will consider adoption of a resolution approving the issuance of the Obligations. The aggregate face amount of the Obligations proposed to be issued to finance the activities contemplated herein is presently estimated not to exceed \$755,000,000. A draft copy of the proposed application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development for approval of the Projects, together with all attachments and exhibits required under the Act, shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Board at 180 Fifth Street East, 12th Floor, Saint Paul, Minnesota, during normal business hours following the publication of this notice.

The Obligations will be issued by the Board and will constitute special, limited obligations of the Board payable solely from the revenues expressly pledged to the payment thereof, will not constitute a general or moral obligation of the Board, the State of Minnesota (the “State”), or any political subdivision thereof, and will not be secured by the taxing power of the Board, the State, or any political subdivision thereof or any assets or property of the Board, the State, or any political subdivision thereof except interests in the Projects that may be granted to the Board in conjunction with the financing.

All persons interested may appear and be heard at the time and place set forth above or may file written comments with the Executive Director of the Board prior to the date of the hearing set forth above.

PLEASE NOTE, the public hearing may be conducted via telephone or other electronic means as allowed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 13D.021. The public may attend the meeting in person. The public hearing shall take place at 180 Fifth Street East, 12th Floor, Saint Paul, Minnesota, Suite 12302, Duluth Room. The public may also attend via

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MINNESOTA AGRICULTURAL AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Minnesota Department of Health

Notice of Public Meeting Set for December 6, 2023, on Two Proposed Specialty Hospitals in Ramsey County, Minnesota

A public meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. on December 6, 2023, for MDH to obtain public feedback on the establishment of two new specialty hospitals to be located in Ramsey County (the cities of Roseville and Saint Paul, respectively).

- Nobis Rehabilitation Partners of Allen, Texas is seeking to open a freestanding 60-bed inpatient rehabilitation facility in Roseville, Minnesota to primarily serve the seven-county Twin Cities Metro Area.
- Regency Hospital, owned by Select Medical of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, is seeking to open a second long-term acute care hospital on the Regions Hospital Campus in Saint Paul by relocating 26 hospital beds from an existing hospital in Golden Valley Minnesota.

During the meeting, the Minnesota Department of Health's (MDH) Division of Health Policy is inviting comments on the proposed new hospitals. The proposals and supplemental material can be found at: ***Hospital Public Interest Review - Minnesota Department of Health (state.mn.us)***.

This meeting is open to the public, and individuals and organizations potentially affected by the proposals are strongly encouraged to attend and share their views on the new hospitals. In addition to feedback from those who are impacted by the new hospitals, MDH is seeking feedback on:

- Whether the proposed new hospital is needed to provide timely access to care or access to new or improved services
- The financial and staffing impact of the new hospital on existing hospitals in the region
- The extent to which the new hospital will provide services to nonpaying or low-income patients relative to the level of services provided to these groups by existing hospitals in the region

Participants can join the public meeting via the following :

Virtual meeting information

Meeting link: ***minnesota.webex.com (website)***

Meeting number: 2482 447 2211

Password: pT5ncJpke54

Join by video system: Dial ***24824472211@minnesota.webex.com***. You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your

meeting number.

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Access code: 2482 447 2211

Global call-in numbers

Individuals and organizations interested can provide comments electronically at **MDH Online Feedback Form** (office.com) or via email health.pir@state.mn.us by January 5, 2023.

Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) Notice of Determination of Minimum Truck Rental Rates

The Commissioner of DLI has determined the minimum truck rental rates for state-funded highway projects. The truck rate is determined for each equipment type by adding the hourly average of the costs of operating the vehicle as submitted by survey respondents to the certified prevailing wage rate for the driver.

This year there was insufficient cost data submitted to DLI to determine a new hourly average cost of operating a vehicle. Cost data used in DLI's analysis must be representative of five trucking firms of various sizes and five independent truck owner operators for each type of truck. Therefore, last year's average operational cost has been carried forward and combined with this year's certified prevailing-wage rate for a driver to establish the minimum truck rental rate.

Wage rate determinations are available online at:

<https://dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevailing-wage-minimum-truck-rental-rates>

On **Dec. 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m.**, the Department of Labor and Industry will conduct an informal conference pursuant to Minnesota Rules, part 5200.1105. The informal conference will be a virtual meeting via Teams, and registration is required. You may register for this public meeting by emailing **PWSurvey.DLI@state.mn.us**. Please provide the attendee's name, phone number, email address, and business name. The purpose of this informal conference is to receive further input about construction truck operational costs prior to the certification and publication of the minimum truck rental rates.

Written input about construction truck operational costs may be submitted before the informal conference to Karen Bugar, state program administrative director; Prevailing wage; Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry; 443 Lafayette Road N.; St. Paul, MN 55155. Written input must be received by Dec. 8, 2023, to assure it is considered prior to the informal conference; persons may provide input at the informal conference as time allows.

Questions regarding determinations may be directed to the following:

Division of Labor Standards

443 Lafayette Road N

St. Paul, MN 55155

Phone: 651-284-5192

Email: **pwsurvey.dli@state.mn.us**

Official Notices

Teachers Retirement Association

Board of Trustees

Notice of Special Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, December 13, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 117. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss topics pertaining to the Teachers Retirement Association 2024 legislative agenda. The meeting will be held in the Teachers Retirement Association office at 60 Empire Drive, Room 117, Saint Paul, Minnesota, 55103. Board members may participate in the meeting by electronic means.

The public may monitor the meeting electronically from a remote site as set out on the Teachers Retirement Association's website, which can be found at www.minnesotatra.org.

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED)

Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Department of Human Services

Contracts and Legal Compliance Division

Notice of Changes to Grant Request for Proposal noticing in the State Register for the Department of Human Services

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) will no longer publish individual grant RFP notices to the State Register effective March 27, 2023. The RFPs and RFIs can be viewed by visiting the Minnesota Department of Human Services Grants, Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Requests for Information (RFI) website: <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/grants-rfps/open-rfps/>.

The RFPs and RFIs do not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in the respective notices. The State reserves the right to cancel solicitations. All expenses incurred in responding to the RFPs and RFIs are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Public Safety

Office of Justice Programs

Request for Proposals: 2024 – 2025 Domestic Violence Housing First Pilot Project

The purpose of this request for proposals is to fund community-based nonprofit or Tribal Nation based domestic violence programs for pilot projects to implement an agency-wide Domestic Violence Housing First approach to assist survivors of domestic and/or sexual violence experiencing housing instability.

“Domestic violence is a leading cause of homelessness for women and children. The Domestic Violence Housing First approach focuses on getting survivors of domestic violence into stable housing as quickly as possible and then providing the necessary support as they rebuild their lives. This approach has been shown to promote long-term stability, safety and well-being for survivors and their children.” (Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence)

The program design includes survivor-driven, trauma-informed mobile advocacy, flexible financial assistance, and community engagement. Programs will be provided technical assistance as they work through implementing the agency-wide approach.

Organizations serving communities who have been historically oppressed and excluded including, but not limited to, Black, brown and people of color, poor/low income, LGBTQIA2S+, people with disabilities, Indigenous people, older adults, foreign-born, people who have faced homelessness, and Tribal Nations are strongly encouraged to apply.

Up to \$2,137,500 is available for application for a 22-month grant period. Final award amounts may be lower than requested. It is anticipated award amounts will range between \$150,000 - \$400,000 for the 22-month grant period. This is a cost reimbursement grant. An advance structure may be requested but is subject to DPS review and approval. This is one-time special project funding. Subsequent funding will be issued through competitive RFP processes.

This is a 22-month grant period, from March 1, 2024 through December 31, 2025.

To apply: All applications must be submitted via *e-grants*, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) online grants management system.

Applications Due Date: Monday, January 15, 2024, at 4:00 pm

See full *Request for Proposals* for more information.

Please submit any questions regarding this RFP by email to danielle.lindner@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Department of Transportation

Office of Civil Rights

Request for Proposal: SFY 2024 Certified Small Business Micro Grant Program

MnDOT requests responses from Minnesota-based Certified Small Businesses to financially assist them with their eligible expenses that increases their business capacity and/or industry knowledge to assist in their pursuit of MnDOT projects/contracts.

Responses must be received no later than 02:00 p.m. Central Standard Time on April 30, 2024 or until funding is exhausted. Late responses will not be considered.

To view the RFP go to: mndot.gov/civilrights/requests-for-proposals.html.

For more information, visit: mndot.gov/civilrights/micro-grant.html.

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Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

Department of Administration

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for: The Future of Advanced Agricultural Research in Minnesota (FAARM) (SDSB Project # 24-01)

The State of Minnesota, acting through University of Minnesota through the State Designer Selection Board, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for architectural and engineering design services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota Department of Administration's website at <https://mn.gov/admin/government/construction-projects/sdsb/projects/> (click SDSB Project #24-01).

A mandatory informational meeting will be held on Tuesday December 5th, 2023, at 9:00am CT at the Cargill Building, University of Minnesota, Saint Paul Campus, 1500 Gortner Ave, St. Paul, MN, 55108 in Room 105. The meeting will include an overview of the proposed project and a review of the scope of work.

Any questions should be directed to **Mandi Tauferner Bailey, Design Project Manager CPM** at tauf0008@umn.edu. Project questions will be taken by this individual only. Questions regarding this RFP must be received by **December 11, 2023**, no later than **2:00 p.m.** Central Time.

Proposals must be delivered to ***SDSB.Proposals.ADM@state.mn.us*** not later than **Monday December 18, by 12:00 noon CT**. Late responses will not be considered.

The University of Minnesota is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State)

Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State is now placing additional public notices for contract opportunities, goods/commodities and related services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

If you have any questions regarding this notice or are having problems viewing the information on the Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website, please email the Minnesota State Procurement Unit at Sourcing@MinnState.edu.

Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Request for Proposals for Energy Conservation and Optimization Technical Compliance

The Minnesota Department of Commerce, Division of Energy Resources (“Department”) seeks proposals from organizations or individuals on this Energy Conservation and Optimization Technical Compliance RFP to work closely with the Department’s Authorized Representative to perform the following services.

- Evaluate and update the Minnesota Technical Reference Manual (TRM) for the next (3) iterations of the TRM with work starting on 02/01/2024 including the annual facilitation of the TRM Advisory Committee (TRMAC)
- Complete engineering and technical review of the below items as they relate to the Department’s Energy Conservation and Optimization efforts:
 - Prescriptive measure methodology submitted as initial filings or as modifications within the Investor-Owned Utility, or Consumer Owned Utility Filings with a focus on situations with Efficient Fuel-Switching (EFS),
 - A selected sample of Minnesota utility custom projects submitted via the statutorily required annual ECO Status Report Review process with a focus on situations involving EFS,
 - Relevant Minnesota Efficient Technology Accelerator (ETA) methodology and assumptions within the ETA Energy Savings and Market Progress Evaluation Plan and/or other deliverables,
 - Pre-measurement and verification (Pre-M&V) and post-measurement and verification (Post-M&V) of all large custom projects as defined in the Department’s Measurement and Verification Protocols for Large Custom ECO Projects submitted as projects arise, and
 - Initial, interim, and final Electric Utility Infrastructure (EUI) Project Information as defined in the Department’s Technical Guidance for Determining Normal Maintenance Activities and CIP Review Process for Electric Utility Infrastructure Projects submitted as projects arise.

A Request for Proposals (RFP) and required forms will be available for download on the Department’s website <https://mn.gov/commerce/industries/rfp/> through the deadline of Friday, December 22nd at 5:00pm CT.

Applications must be submitted by no later than **Friday, December 22nd at 5:00pm CT. Late proposals will not be considered.** Instructions for submitting proposals are detailed in the RFP.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Department of Commerce

Division of Energy Resources

Request for Proposals for Investigation into the Innovation Plans filed by Natural Gas Utilities under the Natural Gas Innovation Act (NGIA)

The Minnesota Commerce Department, Division of Energy Resources advocates before state, regional, and federal energy regulatory bodies to promote reliable, affordable, and environmentally sound energy resources for Minnesota’s citizens and businesses. The state regulatory body is the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission. Minnesota Statutes §216A.07 authorizes the Department to represent the public interest in all Commission proceedings.

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This Request for Proposal (RFP) is seeking a technical expert or experts to investigate the reasonableness of Innovation Plans filed by rate-regulated natural gas utilities under the Natural Gas Innovation Act, Minn. Stat. §216B.2427. The expert would evaluate portions of Innovation Plan filings, assist in preparing written comments consistent with the Department's position, and defend the comments at Commission agenda meetings.

A Request for Proposals and required forms are available to view and download on the Minnesota Department of Commerce's RFP website at <https://mn.gov/commerce/business/rfp.jsp> through the submission deadline.

Proposals must be submitted by no later than Friday, December 22, 2023 at 5:00 PM Central Time. Proposals must be submitted to energy.contracts@state.mn.us. Instructions for submitting proposals are detailed in the RFP. **Late proposals will not be considered.**

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Request for Proposals for Disability Case Management

PROJECT NAME: Disability Case Management

DETAILS: The Public Employees Retirement Association is requesting proposals for the purpose of seeking a vendor to provide clinical review and approval/denial recommendations as part of PERA's disability benefit application process. Duties will include reviewing and providing recommendation on disability applications submitted by PERA members; pursuing appropriate dialogue with disability benefit applicants, physicians, and employers to support approval/denial recommendations facilitating in-person medical and functional capacity exams establishing a case-specific plan for periodic review of continued disability status and participating in the appeal process for review of disputed claims, including Fact-Finding Conferences with Administrative Law Judges.

Work is anticipated to start after 6/30/2024.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Afiya Krueger
Claims Director
afiya.krueger@mnpera.org

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received via email no later than **12/21/2023, 1:00pm Central Time. Late proposals will not be considered.**

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Engineering Services Division Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT's Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please call the Consultant Services Help Line at 651-366-4611, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm.

Minnesota Zoo

Request for Proposals for Lakeside Plaza Architectural and Engineering Design Team

PROJECT NAME: Lakeside Plaza Architectural and Engineering Design Team

DETAILS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden (Zoo) is requesting proposals for a comprehensive architectural and engineering Design Team who will lead the design and construction project to renovate and replace the Lakeside Plaza, including a remodel of the Macaque exhibit. The Design Team will provide services during the design phase and throughout construction administration to ensure all stakeholder needs are met and the Zoo's tradition of excellence is maintained.

A mandatory in person pre-proposal meeting will be held December 7, 2023 at 10:00 AM Central Time at the Minnesota Zoo.

Work is anticipated to start in January 2024.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Lisa Fay, Contracts Coordinator
Minnesota Zoological Garden
lisa.fay@state.mn.us

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: Proposals in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received by email not later than **11:00 AM, Central Time, December 21, 2023. Late proposals will not be considered.** Printed/fax/mailed proposals will not be considered.

This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota to award a contract or complete the proposed program, and the State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered in its best interest. All costs incurred in responding to this solicitation will be borne by the responder.

Minnesota Zoo

Request for Proposals for Security Consultant

PROJECT NAME: Security Consultant

DETAILS: The Minnesota Zoological Garden (Zoo) is requesting proposals for a security consultant.

The threat landscape has changed and the emergency planning a Zoo requires today is significantly different than it was when the Zoo first opened in 1978. The Zoo will make significant investments in its physical security and access

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control systems in 2024. To gain the greatest return on investment, the Zoo is seeking a consultant, whose work will inform these investments.

The consultant should have experience with physical security across large, complex facilities or venues such as Zoos, educational campuses, and amusement destinations. They should be familiar with the Midwest and Twin Cities in particular. Knowledge of government regulations, state procurement procedures, and existing security grants programs are desired.

The security consultant will:

- Conduct a comprehensive risk/vulnerability assessment for the Zoo.
- Provide scalable recommendations for operational improvements and facility/technology investments to address gaps identified in the assessment.
- Develop an All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan for the Zoo, complete with plans and outlines for training, drills, and testing.
- Provide the Zoo with detailed standards for incorporating security best practices into designs for new construction and substantial renovation.

Work is anticipated to start in January 2024.

COPY REQUEST: To receive a copy of the Request for Proposals, please send a written request by email to:

Lisa Fay, Contracts Coordinator
Minnesota Zoological Garden
lisa.fay@state.mn.us

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Non-State Public Bids, Contracts & Grants

The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2024 Airfield Snowmelter Replacement/Upgrades

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2024 Airfield Snowmelter Replacement/Upgrades
MAC Contract No.:	106-1-348
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on December 12, 2023
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on December 12, 2023
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	681 090 675#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our web site (<https://metroairports.org/doing-business/solicitations>) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Targeted Group Businesses on this project is 4%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are at the QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #8815353 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on November 27, 2023, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.org/doing-business/solicitations> (construction bids).

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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2024 Parking Ramp Snowmelter Replacement/Upgrades

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2024 Parking Ramp Snowmelter Replacement/Upgrades
MAC Contract No.: 106-3-685
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on December 12, 2023
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on December 12, 2023
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 681 090 675#

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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2023 Public Safety Modifications

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2023 Public Safety Modifications
MAC Contract No.: 106-2-1032
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on December 14, 2023
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on December 14, 2023
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 681 090 675#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

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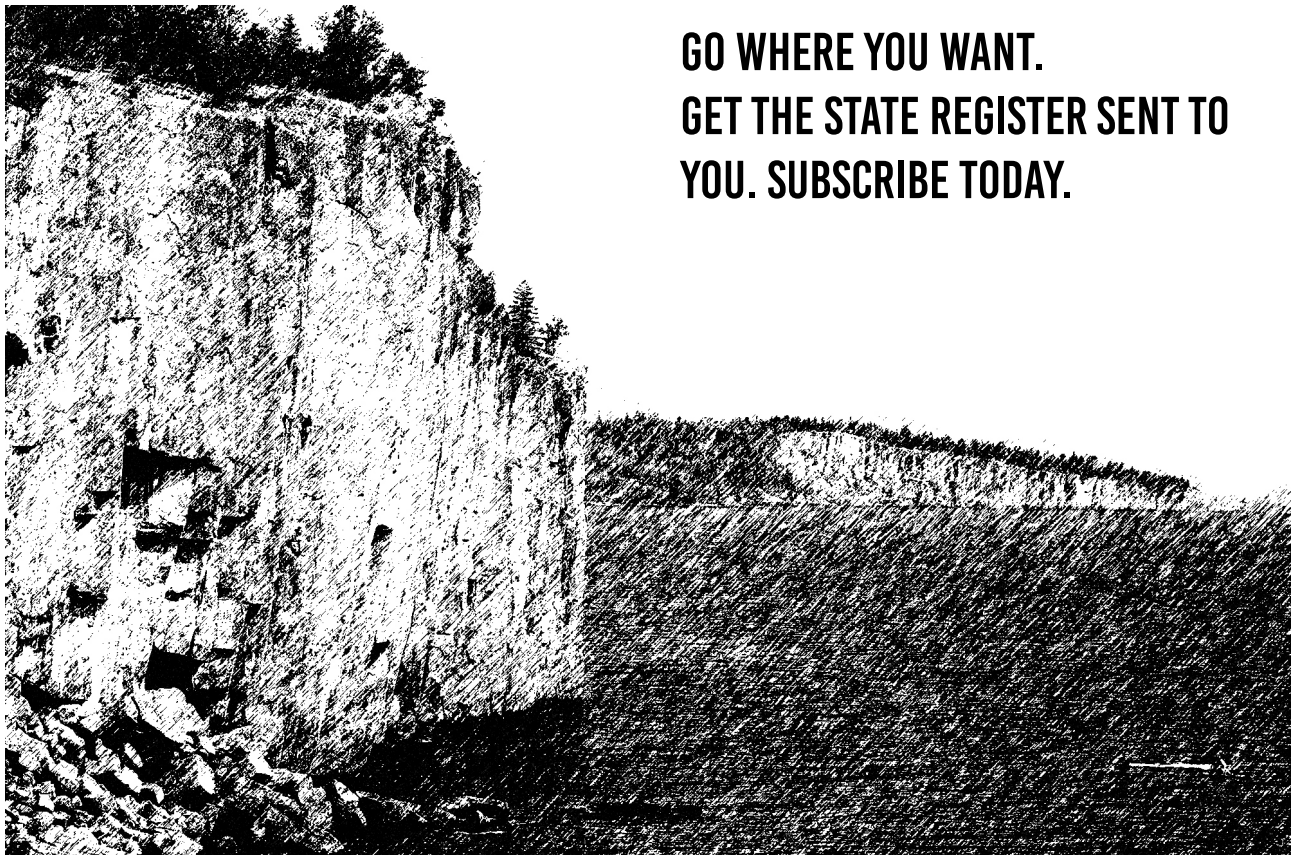
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Targeted Group Businesses (TGB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Targeted Group Businesses on this project is 8%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a “Bid Security” in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

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MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on November 20, 2023, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.org/doing-business/solicitations> (construction bids).



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